

MHAC
Community Engagement Subcommittee Meeting
June 22, 2010
Telephone Conference Call
3:30 p.m. EST

MHAC Attendees: Gloria Addo-Ayensu (Chair), Jane Cabarrus, Sandra Nelson-Cherry, Edward Scott, Theresa Teekah

MHAC Absent: Judy Anderson, Melissa Canaday, David Simmons, William Lee

OMPHP Staff: Susan Triggs

Public Attendees: None

Welcome: Attendees were welcomed by the Chair

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the March 31, 2010 meeting were approved

Nomination of Officers

Dr. Addo-Ayensu provided attendees with an overview of the purpose of the Community Engagement Subcommittee, which stated in the MHAC Procedural Guidelines is to “identify opportunities to address health inequities and make recommendations to the MHAC membership to support community actions addressing these issues.”

She also talked about the recent focus of the Subcommittee in facilitating the integration of health equity principles into the MAPP process, explaining to participants why the subcommittee wants to get involved with local health districts throughout the Commonwealth regarding MAPP and health equity. The goal is to facilitate the understanding that all policy is health policy, be it transportation, housing, retail/wholesale, education, or community policies that impact the resources people have available to them to make health choices.

Edward Scott accepted the nomination of **Chair** of the subcommittee, and **Dr. Addo-Ayensu** accepted the nomination of **Vice-Chair**. Members in attendance unanimously approved that these individuals will function in the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair until January 2011 at which time the subject of officer nominations will be revisited. Theresa Teekah alerted the subcommittee members to the fact that she must have approval from her department head before she can serve in leadership capacity on MHAC.

Subcommittee Structure and Time Commitment

Susan Triggs discussed with attendees time projections for involvement on this subcommittee. The larger MHAC meets quarterly, members are being asked to engage with a local health department and attend MAPP meetings, and the subcommittee meeting is a quarterly one hour meeting. These times average about **1-2 hours monthly** – more or less, depending on meeting schedules. Members decided on several **action steps** in this regard:

- **Dr. Addo-Ayensu will send members a copy of the slide presentation she developed for Fairfax County’s MAPP coalition on rationale for infusing a health equity focus into the MAPP framework.**
- **Susan will re-send Health Equity Definitions sheet provided to new members**
- **Susan will send the CDC ‘egg slide’ of the Local Public Health System**

Attendees agreed this was a time commitment they felt they could achieve.

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Dr. Addo-Ayensu introduced the idea to attendees that the subcommittee was invited to participate with the planning of the webinar presentation about MAPP and Health Equity. Susan Triggs provided an overview of the Health Equity Webinar series, advising members that they could access the one archived webinar at <http://eo2.commpartners.com/users/uva/> . The series is the “next step” after the Virginia Health Equity Conference held in September 2009. **Theresa Teekah volunteered to help with the planning of the MAPP/Health Equity presentation.** She will work with Dr. Michael Royster in this regard.

Subcommittee Recommendations to the Commissioner for 2010

The group decided that they have no new recommendations at this time. All attendees have the desire to continue to work on and have positive reportable outcomes for current approved recommendations.

MHAC Meetings via Polycom

The group discussed having the quarterly main MHAC meetings via polycom. Dr. Addo-Ayensu asked attendees to refrain from substituting the polycom for face-to-face meetings. She highlighted the fact that face-to-face interaction enhances human interaction and productivity and asked members to try, as much as possible, to attend meetings in person.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

With no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting

Date to be announced.

Submitted by Susan L. Triggs